

# **“LETTING YOU KNOW”**

*The Illinois Department of Transportation is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects which we believe will be of interest to you.*

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## **Posters for Public Information Campaign to Alert Motorists of Workers Present:**

On Thursday May 22, 2003, a motorist travelling north on IL 23 in a work zone struck and killed a flagger working on a resurfacing project. According to police reports, the motorist ignored all of the warning signs and passed a line of vehicles the flagger had stopped. Police indicated he then tried to flee the scene of the crash but was apprehended and faces a number of charges related to the incident.

While the number of persons killed in work zones thus far this year is less than past construction seasons, this incident points out the dangers to workers and motorists in work zones. The Department has since undertaken a renewed public information campaign alerting motorists to the fact that workers are present. It takes the “PLEASE SLOW DOWN MY MOMMY/DADDY WORKS HERE” message and personalizes it based upon the true events that occurred on May 22. Posters have been printed and will be displayed in rest areas and weigh stations over the Fourth of July holiday travel period and billboards have been designed to be placed around the state.

If you would like a supply of the posters for project sites or would like to inquire about the program, please contact Mike Monseur in the Office of Public Affairs at 217-782-6953.

## **Bureau of Materials and Physical Research, Physical Research Section Website:**

The Physical Research Section of the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research now has a presence on the IDOT website. It can be found at <http://www.dot.state.il.us/materials/research/physresearch.html>.

This site provides information on products evaluation, experimental features, research reports available in Adobe Acrobat and links to other research sites. In the future, more reports will be added and you should find the links useful. Comments or questions about the site may be directed to Patricia Broers at [broerspa@nt.dot.state.il.us](mailto:broerspa@nt.dot.state.il.us).



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**EPA's Phase II Storm  
Water Regulations:**

In January and February IDOT, AGC of Illinois and the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association cosponsored a series of one-day seminars to bring awareness to the construction community of EPA's Phase II Storm Water Regulations that went into effect on March 10, 2003.

In response to requests from those who were unable to attend the previous scheduled seminars, or desired to send additional people, another one-day seminar has been scheduled for August 19, 2003 at the Pit Stick Pavilion (three miles north of I-80 on State Route 23) near Ottawa, IL. The seminar will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. The registration fee for this one-day seminar is \$90/per person (includes a workbook and lunch) and must be paid prior to the date of the seminar.

To receive a registration form, contact either Debbie Deckard at (217) 789-2650, Extension 4 or Lee Swanson at (630) 773-1220. Checks should be made payable to IRTBA and sent along with the registration form to: Lee Swanson, IRTBA, 500 Park Blvd., Suite 1250, Itasca, IL 60143-1287, or Debbie Deckard, AGC of Illinois, P.O. Box 2579, Springfield, IL 62708. All cancellations must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. August 12, 2003 to receive a refund of registration fees.

**STAY INFORMED!**

Keep in touch with your representative on the IDOT/Industry Policy Committee and IDOT/Industry Joint Co-op Committee.

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